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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A

TAIL OF FILM TO A LOAD

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application- 35 pages, including title page, Abstract, 8 independent claims and 58 claims total.
- 2. Drawings- 20 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-20).
- 3. Applicants claim the benefits of priority to Provisional Patent Application No. 60/422,878, filed November 1, 2002.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the required filing fees.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FILING FEE FOR THIS APPLICATION, during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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